

ACCESS/PARKING:

- New Road, 0.3 miles east of intersection with Farmingville Road. There are spaces for 5 cars to the right of closed gate; past opened gate and up road to adjacent parking lot there is abundant parking. [GPS Address: 10 New Road]
- Stonehenge Road, roadside parking on north shoulder at intersection with Still Road. Yellow trail begins on driveway across Still Road. [GPS Address: 40 Still Road]

DIFFICULTY: Easy to moderate, depending on the trail selected. See below.

FEATURES: Aldrich Park has a series of woodland trails with many outcroppings of ledge, boulder fields, glacial erratics, and stone walls. One of its many attractions is the Winter views of Redding ridge tops and Norwalk River wetlands near Stonehenge Pond and Route 7 from the Yellow and Blue trails. In Spring, pileated, red-bellied, and downy woodpeckers have been sighted as well as red-tailed hawks soaring in the wind. Trails include:



- The Yellow trail (moderate difficulty, except steep switchback sections between ridge and swamp, 2 hours). The woodlands near the ball field are in transition from farmlands and grazing pastures to woodlands. The southwestern Yellow loop passes near large glacial erratics, a nearby “dragon tree” children love to ride, and a grove of beech trees.

- The Orange trail loop (easy, 30 minutes) is a relatively flat woodland walk with bridges (on the Blue trail) and walkways over a stream and wetlands.

- The Blue trail (moderate, except for steep section where the Blue trail climbs up the ridge to meet the Yellow trail (time varies) follows a gurgling stream as it flows over rocks and past a glacial boulder field before it ascends steeply to the ridge and its views.

HISTORY: The original 37-acre park was donated by Larry Aldrich. Additional acreage was purchased with the Commission’s Open Space Fund and acquired through the subdivision process.

